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JOHANNESBURG FOR BURNS

CAPE TOWN FOR SMITH

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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN GAMES

1. UNDER TWO COLUMN HEAD " US BASKETBALL TEAM COMING", RAND DAILY MAIL TODAY STATES " THE UNITED STATES WILL SEND AN OFFICIAL BASKETBALL TEAM TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GAMES IN PRETORIA -- AND THE TEAM WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE NEGROES."

" ALSO COMPETING IN THE TOURNAMENT ON APRIL 5, 6 AND 7 WILL BE PORTUGAL, RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL GUIDE TO THE GAMES, WHICH WILL GO ON SALE TOMORROW".

" ' IF IT IS IN THE BROCHURE THERE IS NO POINT IN DENYING IT,'

MR. SOL BERLOWITZ, CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSVAAL AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION, SAID LAST NIGHT."

" HE EXPECTED THE UNITED STATES TO SEND ' A VERY GOOD' TEAM, BUT IT WAS NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER IT WOULD INCLUDE PLAYERS FROM THE SIDE WHICH LOST IN THE LAST SECOND TO RUSSIA IN THE OLYMPIC FINAL."

" AMERICANS WILL ALSO COMPETE IN GYMNASTICS, WATER SKIING AND BOWLS AT THE GAMES."

2. POST AWARE POSSIBILITY FROM LANDFAIR- DUNCAN LETTER (LOU FEB 6, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1973) THAT US TEAM MAY PARTICIPATE, BUT ARTICLE CREATES IMPRESSION
THIS OFFICIAL US GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION.

3. IN ORDER CLARIFY APPARENT CONFUSION THIS SUBJECT REQUEST
ADVICE AS TO DEPT/ AGENCY' S KNOWLEDGE EXTENT OF PARTICIPATION BY
US ATHLETES/ TEAMS IN PRETORIA GAMES AND GUIDANCE AS TO HOW POST
SHOULD CHARACTERIZE THIS PARTICIPATION WITH LOCAL MEDIA. PLEASE
REPLY IMMEDIATE.
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